

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaaki OZAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1711

Application No.: 10/616,965

Filed: July 11, 2003

Docket No.: 116515

For:

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SPHERICAL COMPOSITE CURED MELAMINE

RESIN PARTICLES

STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please telephone our firm's Patent Application Filing Department at 703-836-6400 with the status of the above-identified patent application, including an indication as to when the next communication can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff Registration No. 27,075

Eric D. Morehouse Registration No. 38,565

JAO:EDM/sja

Date: January 7, 2005

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400